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PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR SCOTT:

1. OFFICE OF PROTOCOL ADVISES THAT PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE YOU PRIOR TO JANUARY 11. ADDITIONALLY, FOREIGN MINISTER WILL BE AWAY FROM LISBON JANUARY 7 TO 10. WE HAVE ACCORDINGLY TENTATIVELY AGREED WITH CHIEF OF PROTOCOL THAT PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS, PRECEDED BY REQUIRED CALLS ON CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND FOREIGN MINISTER, WILL ALL TAKE PLACE JANUARY 14.

2. WHILE THERE IS NO PROTOCOLARY IMPEDIMENT INVOLVED IN EXTENDED STAY IN COUNTRY PRIOR TO PRESENTATION CREDENTIALS, THERE IS, OF COURSE, PERSONAL INCONVENIENCE IN VIEW OF FACT NO BUSINESS CAN BE CONDUCTED WITH GOVERNMENT PRIOR TO PRESENTATION. SINCE THIS CONSIDERATION NOT PARAMOUNT, ARRIVAL JUST AFTER CHRISTMAS QUITE FEASIBLE. HOWEVER, YOU MAY WISH TO CONSIDER THE FACT THAT MANY PERSONNEL OF THE MISSION WILL BE ON LEAVE UNTIL JANUARY 4. ALSO, PAINTING OF RESIDENCE UNLIKELY BE COMPLETED UNTIL END FIRST WEEK JANUARY.

3. IN VIEW OF FOREGOING I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT YOU PLAN ARRIVE LISBON JANUARY 7. ASSUME YOU WILL BE

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COMING HER VIA CONSULTATION IN LONDON.

4. IF YOU CONCUR, WE WILL PROCEED WITH ARRANGEMENTS
FOR MISSION-WIDE STAFF PARTY IN RESIDENCE EVENING
JANUARY 11.
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